



GARY J. DELLAPA
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Gary J. Dellapa is in his seventh year as Director of the Miami-Dade County Aviation Department. The Department is responsible for the management, development and operation of Miami International Airport (MIA) and six general aviation airports.

With total operating revenues exceeding \$580 million, more than 1,600 employees, 34 million passengers, and two million tons of freight, MIA holds a place in the global family of major international airports and ranks among the leading airports of the world.

It has been a busy seven years. After bringing to final approval an airport master plan that calls for the expansion of airfield capacity by over 20 percent, more than doubling the size of the terminal and concourses, and quadrupling the airport's cargo capacity, the airport has set about the task of completing this \$5.4 billion program within a decade. Already well underway, over \$1.2 billion of the capital program is now completed. Today at Miami International there are more than \$375 million in construction, \$2 billion in design and the remaining in planning and programming. Mr. Dellapa has the unique challenge of building a new airport on top of the old one, while operating one of the busiest and fastest growing airports in the world.

In addition to this massive construction program, Mr. Dellapa oversees the development of the general aviation airports, particularly those of Opa-locka and Homestead, as well as an environmental remediation effort that is the largest clean up in Florida, and the implementation of a retail master plan for MIA that will bring over 400,000 square feet of state-of-the-art shopping facilities to the airport.

Mr. Dellapa has saved Miami-Dade County for over 29 years. Following graduation from the University of Miami with a degree in finance, he joined the County's budget office, eventually becoming Budget Director, a post he held for five years. In 1985, he was named Assistant County Manager, where he served until moving to the Aviation Department in 1993. In addition, he has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami, teaching two graduate-level finance courses from 1986 to 1993. Mr. Dellapa is the Chairman of the World Trade Center. He hails from Stow, Ohio, where he spent his formative years before coming to Miami.